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## **For Immediate Release**

### **January 2, 2015**

Governor Bill Haslam will swear in recently-appointed Chancellor Oscar C. ("Bo") Carr, III on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom on the Third Floor of the Shelby County Courthouse. Bo Carr is a longtime Memphis litigator, and was made a Partner of Glankler Brown, PLLC in 1982. Chancellor Carr is seated in Part III of the Shelby County Chancery Court, in the former seat of now-Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge Kenny Armstrong.

A native of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Chancellor Carr moved to Memphis in 1976 to begin his legal practice. Chancellor Carr is the son of the late Oscar C. Carr, Jr. and the late Billie Carr Houghton. Part of a Mississippi planting family, both of his parents were very active in the Episcopal Church and in civil rights efforts. In 1973, Chancellor Carr obtained a baccalaureate degree, with distinction, from the University of Virginia. Chancellor Carr received a Juris Doctor from the Emory University School of Law in 1976, where he was the class salutatorian and inducted into the Order of the Coif.

Chancellor Carr's areas of practice focused on civil litigation. His clients have included regional and national banks, construction companies, a City of Memphis heavy equipment operator, hotel management companies, and at least one criminal defendant.

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The decades of Chancellor Carr's work in Memphis included defending a case filed by the former president of Stax Records, which included a cross-examination of Rev. Jesse Jackson at trial, and working on the Hollywood Dump litigation before then-United States District Judge Julia Gibbons. Depositions have taken him to Canada, Mexico, and a Los Angeles conference room during an earthquake.

Chancellor Carr is recognized by his peers as a highly skilled practitioner – named *Memphis Best Lawyers* Environmental Litigation Lawyer of the Year 2014, *Memphis Best Lawyers* Construction Litigation Lawyer of the Year 2013, *SuperLawyers* Tennessee Top 100, and *SuperLawyers* Memphis/Mid-South Area Top 50. Chancellor Carr was selected by his peers in 2004 as a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, and as a Fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation in 2014. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Chancellor Carr acted as an arbitrator, a Rule 31 Mediator, and as a Special Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Chancellor Carr served on several non-profit boards of directors including the local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Carnival Memphis, and the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf. He also has been of service to St. John's Episcopal Church as a two-term Vestryman. Chancellor Carr currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Mystic Society of the Memphi.

Chancellor Carr is married to Mary Leatherman Carr, and is the father of Camilla Carr Brinner and Oscar C. Carr, IV. He and Mary have one grandson, Richard Brinner.

After then-Chancellor Armstrong's elevation to the Appellate Bench, Carr applied for Nomination to Judicial Office to the Governor's Commission for Judicial Appointments. He was one of three candidates presented to the Governor, and his selection was announced in mid-October.

Chancellor Carr's formal Investiture by Governor Bill Haslam will occur at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015 in the Supreme Court Courtroom in the Shelby County Courthouse, 140 Adams Avenue, on the Third Floor. Seating is very limited. A light reception will follow in the Grand Hall of the Courthouse on the south side of the Second Floor. An invocation will be performed by Rev. John Sewell of St. John's Episcopal Church, with remarks by Glankler Brown Member Jeremy G. Alpert and Memphis Bar Association President Thomas L. Parker. Governor Bill Haslam and the Honorable Arnold B. Goldin will also offer remarks.

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